GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROBLEMS OF DEFENCE PERSONNEL DEPLOYED IN FAR FLUNG AREAS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the problems being faced by the defence personnel deployed in far-flung places or involved in counter-insurgency operations and their domestic problems with regard to the State Governments;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has issued any instructions to the State Governments to address the problems of the defence personnel; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response received from the State Governments?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Government is aware of the problems of Defence personnel. Chief Ministers of all States and Union Territories have been requested to instruct the District Collectors, Superintendents of Police and other officials both at district and State level to be more proactive and give prompt response to the grievances and problems of the defence personnel and their families. They have also been requested to put in place a mechanism wherein at the district level the Collector and at State level a nominated senior officer periodically review redressal of such grievances.

The response received from the State governments is positive and encouraging.